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BARTER PACT WITH RUSSIA?

London, May 18.
The Sunday newspapers say that Britain will alarm the United States by a great barter deal with Russia, in the next six months.

Both the Conservative and Leftwing papers criticise the United States foreign policy and say Britain is forced to turn to Russia for help.

The pro-Labour paper, "The People," says: "The inside tip of diplomatic experts is that Mr. Ernest Bevin will pull off a surprise deal with Russia in the next six months and it may be one that will cause consternation in America."

The Conservative "Sunday Empire News" hints at a report that Britain will swing the "world's greatest barter deal since the war with Russia." It says Russia will exchange 1,000,000 tons of wheat and grain, timber, asbestos and petroleum for complete jet-propelled aircraft, plastic processes and other technical and scientific secrets.

The paper says the exchange is designed to bring a quicker end to food rationing in Britain but will not, however, involve atomic secrets.

"The Empire News" says: "A Russian delegation is expected almost immediately in Britain to complete negotiations. Both governments are pleased with the advanced stage already reached."

The newspapers suggest the Russian deal results from British dissatisfaction with the terms of the United States loan and current United States food contributions to Germany.—United Press.

FLYING SUBMARINE

Washington, May 18.
The US Navy has evolved a new fighter plane (called the Flying Sub.) which can land on the ground or water and submerge for long periods to escape pursuit or avoid detection by radar.

It will be jet-propelled, its vents closing automatically when submerging. A special power-unit will propel it under water.

London, May 17.
The death was announced today of Sir Thomas Holland, leading geologist. He was 78.—Reuter.

International Air Talks A Flop?

Montreal, May 18.
Technical and economic work of the International Civil Aviation Organisation shaped up quickly this week with committees adopting an accelerated routine after eight days spent in ousting Spain to qualify for a working agreement with the United Nations.

With a fairly definite picture of the first assembly of the newly born organisation now possible, it became evident that the final results will total up to considerably less than the optimistic expectations in advance of the opening on May 6.

It is extremely unlikely, for example, that a multilateral or world agreement on the exchange of commercial air rights will emerge from the deliberations of the economic committee.

Even the Canadian delegate, C. McKim, leader of the bloc seeking a full exchange of such rights, conceded little prospect of achieving one and said he would prefer to postpone action until the world is ready for it.

Year Or Two
This view nearly matches that of the United States and Britain who said that at best a multilateral agreement, which leaves some matters such as routes to bilateral or two nation negotiation, is possible.

An important but somewhat intangible development was recognised in the increasing interest in a multilateral pact and themselves privately as feeling the trend was almost certain to lead to an agreement in a year or two.

CHINA'S STUDENT AGITATION ON THE INCREASE

Educational New Deal Demands Assuming Much Wider Political Aspect

State Council Acts

Shanghai, May 18.
China's student demonstrations, started over demands for an educational new deal, today threatened to become a major political agitation to demand the cessation of civil war and the resumption of the Kuomintang-Communist peace negotiations. At an emergency meeting in Nanking, the State Council has decided on measures aimed at getting more control over the situation.

Four thousand Tientsin students, joining the strike, have addressed telegrams to the Government and Communists, demanding immediate internal peace and the formation of a coalition government on the basis of the all-party Political Consultative Council.

The political aspect was injected into the widespread student agitation as an estimated 12,000 university students in Nanking and Shanghai planned simultaneous mass demonstrations for Tuesday when the PPC is scheduled to begin its session in Nanking.

A delegation of Shanghai students arrived in Nanking this morning to confer with the Nanking strikers. The Nanking student group also is sending a delegation to other cities to organise widespread demonstrations.

Disrupted communications are preventing the dispatch of delegations to Peiping, Chungking and other distant cities but students there are expected to join without invitation.

Increasing the number of universities involved in the strike to 20, some 4,000 students in Nanking and Peiping universities in Tientsin joined the movement today. They demanded: (1) the reopening of peace talks and the establishment of a coalition government; (2) the increase of educational grants by at least 15 per cent in the government budget; (3) the increase of student allowances and teachers' pay.

Emergency Decision
United Press reports from Nanking that the State Council held an emergency session this morning and decided that henceforth students presenting demands should send a delegation

Nanking And The Students

Nanking, May 18.
A member of the National Government jeered that the State Council measure in any way indicates a reversal of the announced policies guaranteeing the freedom of assembly.

He said it means only that the existing laws governing public order and safety shall be more rigidly enforced.

Other observers, however, are of the opinion that it is too early to define the exact meaning of the ruling and that interpretation can best be made this week if the striking students of Nanking, Shanghai and Peiping carry out the demonstrations now being planned.

Britain's Output Of Coal

London, May 18.
Fragmentary reports of coal output during the second week's experience of the five-day working week in British mines give a mixed impression of its effectiveness.

From Harton, where mines last week were handicapped by the strike of engineers, production was better than for any week since 1938.

The actual tonnage figures were not available.

In the Northeastern (Yorkshire) area, coal output last week reached 350,109 tons, a gain of 8,000 tons as compared with the week before.

In the East Midlands division, the Coal Board announced the output was 198,707 tons, a decline of about 4,500 tons, compared with the previous week.

CHIANG'S WARNING

Nanking, May 18.
In a sternly worded statement issued tonight in connection with the student agitation in various parts of the country, President Chiang Kai-shek threatens that the Government will be obliged to take drastic action to cope with the trouble should the students continue to disturb social peace and order.

The President says that such ill-considered and disorderly conduct could never have been expected of patriotic students. It is evident, the President declared, that they are inspired and instigated by Communist elements.—Central News.

Octuplets Born In Hopei!

Shanghai, May 18.
The local edition of the official Central Daily News publishing today a Peiping report claiming that octuplets—all boys—were born to Mrs. Chang Yung-hsiang, a farmer's wife at Lincheng village, Kaitai County, Hopei Province, on May 5.

The report said the Chang family was so poor that the county authorities were organising a movement to supply one wet nurse for each baby.

The United Press Shanghai Bureau, checking its atlas, is unable to find the county but the telegraph office accepted a message addressed to the magistrate requesting for confirmation or denial.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

Pressure is high to the SE of Japan and moderately high over S China and the Eastern Sea. It is low over N China. A deep depression is moving ENE across Japan. The Hainan depression has moved eastward and is now centred about 250 miles E of Hong Kong.

Today's Forecast—Fresh E and NE winds, moderating; cloudy with light intervals.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 76 deg. F. Minimum: 72 deg. F. Sunshine: Nil.

Rainfall: 35.5 mm. (1.4 inches). Total since Jan. 1—201.4 mm. as against an average of 450.8 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m.
Therm. at mast... 107.3 105.6 m.b.
Equat... 20.75 20.65 inches.
Rel. Humidity... 97 92 %
Dew Point... 74 72 deg. F.
Wind Direction... E by N ENE
Wind Force... 25 20 knots.

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must be first submitted to the Bureau of Social Affairs, in the case of students to the Ministry or Departments of Education. Direct student appeals to the Executive Yuan, as made last week, would be considered unlawful. A Government member stated, unless prior petition had been submitted to the Ministry of Education, student

General Strike Threat

Paris, May 18.
French Communists today threatened a general strike if Premier Ramadier does not yield in his determination to prevent wage raises which, he contends, would lead to runaway inflation.

M. Henaff, Communist General-Secretary of the Paris syndicate of labour unions, told a meeting of the organisation that although a return of violence would be "repugnant to us we have not put aside a general strike but keep it in mind as a last resort if the political events necessitate it, we will take appropriate action."

M. Henaff's statement was headlined in moderate newspapers but was ignored by the Communist "Humanite." It was the first hint of a Communist-led general strike since the party was thrown out of the government by M. Ramadier two weeks ago. At that time, M. Deolos Communist parliamentary leader, said fears that the Communists might start a general strike were "delusory."—United Press.

London Milkmen Go Back

London, May 18.
Yielding to trade union advice, 300 milkmen of the London Cooperative Society decided last night to end their unofficial strike and return to work.

It was announced that the decision was taken "in the public interest."

The strike affected milk deliveries to 600,000 families in an area stretching from East London to the mouth of the Thames.

It began a week ago with the men's refusal to accept an arbitration award which they said, would mean a loss of commission ranging from a few shillings a week for some to 30,—for others.—Reuter.

The Only Sure Road To World Peace

Austin, Texas, May 18.
Henry Wallace declared today that the only sure road to world peace is food for the starving "not guns for decadent governments."

The former Vice-President and Cabinet member spoke to the University of Texas students under the auspices of several campus organisations.

He said the Roosevelt administration began to mobilise American resources to meet the urgent needs of millions in countries devastated by the war.

"There was no question then of the men and women of Europe urgently needing bread and plenty. That was in accordance with the American spirit born of the knowledge that a progressive democracy alone provides for the needs of man."

"It was this spirit in which we fought the war. In that spirit the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was formed."

"It was to be followed by a vast programme for world reconstruction underwritten by American resources and administered by a permanent agency of our real hope for peace—the United Nations."

Today, he continued, UNRRA and the economic bill of rights are dead. "Killed by another spirit in America—the spirit of meanness, selfishness, shortsightedness and fear."

MORATORIUM IN BURMA

Rangoon, May 17.
The Burma Government proclaimed today a 6-month moratorium on all agricultural debts contracted before Oct. 10, 1945.

According to the Agricultural Department's Moratorium Act, creditors affected must report details of their claims to district authorities within six months after which civil courts will not entertain law suits for such claims.—Reuter.

Royal Engagement Rumours

London, May 17.
All Royal personages vitally concerned in the selection of a consort for Princess Elizabeth were here or enroute to England today, but Buckingham Palace sources refused to comment on widely discussed reports that her engagement would be announced before the end of the month.

The arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor—the Duke is Elizabeth's godfather—from the United States on Thursday left Viscount Mountbatten of Burma the only member of the Royal circle who has not yet arrived.

He was generally considered to have been the matchmaker between Elizabeth and his nephew, the former Prince Philip of Greece. Viscount Mountbatten is due from India on Tuesday.

Although none of them was here officially to even chat about Elizabeth's engagement the following happened to be in town aside from immediate members of the Royal Family just returned from South Africa:

Princess Alice of Greece, mother of Philip, who chose this time to visit her mother, the Marchioness of Milford Haven, who has been ill for a long time.

The Windsors—the principals of Britain's last royal romance—whose visits since his abdication have been without the blessing of Buckingham Palace, went to the trouble of moving into a borrowed country house for three weeks on their way to the south of France.

The Duke of Gloucester, the King's brother, has just returned from a tour of Germany.—United Press.

SECRET SHIP HAS GAS TURBINES

London, May 18.
No war-time weapon had its secrets more closely guarded than are those of an unnamed merchant ship now building in a famous British yard. Even the Ministry of Transport, Lloyds and the Institute of Marine Engineers know nothing—officially—about her or her engines.

When she puts to sea early next year she may bring about the greatest change in ocean transport since the transition from sail to steam, for she will have the first successful marine gas turbine ever installed.

One unorthodox, hydroplane design, developed by the German and used in the closing stages of the war, produced speeds at sea up to 60 mph.—Our Own Correspondent.

Design of the ship—a 12-knot 12,000-ton tanker for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd., London—is the outcome of extensive work carried out secretly over the past two years at special research establishments set up by the Anglo-Saxon Company.

The history-making vessel is equipped officially with Diesel electric plant—said to have been developed from the aircraft jet turbine—will replace part of the machinery.

An official of the company said: "Gas turbines in ships of the future will mean the transport of bigger cargoes at greater speed and reduced cost. By eliminating boiler rooms the gas turbines will give greatly increased cargo-carrying capacity. There will also be lower first costs and appreciably reduced maintenance charges."

Cabins For Crew
"Accommodation on tankers is usually good, but our new ship will set a still higher standard. There will be an individual cabin for every man aboard—a policy we intend to extend throughout our fleet."

American and Swiss engineers have been trying for months to produce the first ocean-going cargo ship propelled by gas turbines. A collier and a naval vessel are under construction in the United States.

But Britain, inventor of the turbine, and with years of experience and supremacy in marine engineering, has again taken the lead.

Side by side with these experiments British designers have been studying new hull forms for greater speeds at sea, and have been helped by secrets of German ship hulls now in our hands.

Upon the expiration of the Palestine Government's offer of immunity from prosecution, 118 Arab and 29 Jewish prisoners who escaped two weeks ago from the Acre prison were still at large. Those who may subsequently be caught will be placed on trial, the Government has announced.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, May 18.

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Coming Events

May 20—Rotary Club, 12.30 p.m.
Speaker: Major C.W.L. Way on "The First Burma Campaign."
May 20—Toc H meeting, Taihot House, 50 Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.—Light, social evening.
May 21—Union Waterbury Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, Dodswell's Office, 11 a.m.
May 21—Sino-British Club, Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m. Speaker: C.H. Cheng, M.A., on "Chinese Education As It Is."
May 24—H.K. & Yummai Ferries, annual meeting, noon.
May 24-26 Whitman Race meeting.
May 26—H.K. Realty & Trust Co. annual meeting, noon.
May 26—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's office, noon.
May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Japanean Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.
June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.

Britain's Mighty Tanks

London, May 18.
The Cabinet has allocated more than 30,000 tons of the highest grade steel for the immediate manufacture of new type fighting vehicles.

These will include revolutionary tanks which German technicians helped to design.

The new tanks will embody all wartime improvements in armor, engines and tracks.

They are to be armed with new guns believed to have a secret device increasing their accuracy beyond any standard yet achieved in mobile warfare.

The tanks are expected to put the Tank Corps years ahead of any tank force.

Cabinet's decision was taken on the advice of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff (Field-Marshal Montgomery) despite opposition from certain Ministers, who argued that industry needed the steel. — Our Own Correspondent.

Readers' Letters

Query No. 1

Sir,—May I ask a question? It was at the Police Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, when a busy European police officer was prosecuting a busy Chinese medical practitioner in connection with a car, the driver of which had just pleaded guilty to parking wrongly and was fined, only a few minutes prior to this case.

In his evidence-in-chief, the police officer stated that as he was passing Wyndham Street, he saw a car parked partly on the sidewalk and partly on the street. He was very busy, but instead of taking down the car number, the time and the place (which would, I think, take at most two minutes even if he was a very slow writer) he went to fetch a Chinese policeman and gave instruction to search for the car owner to get his name and address, which every one of us knew were already in the Police Station in the car number record!

Being a stupid man, I really cannot understand how a busy police officer would waste valuable time in such a way for no reason and without any motive. Indeed, time is money! You, Sir, taught us to develop public spirit and to know what citizenship means. May I therefore venture to seek enlightenment in this matter from you or any one interested in the welfare of this Colony?

A CITIZEN

Query No. 2

Sir,—In today's issue, you reported that "letters posted in Hong Kong on Friday morning will arrive in San Francisco on Sunday (Hong Kong time) or Monday morning (American time)." I have long been under the impression that Hong Kong is 10 hours ahead of "Pisces"—i.e., 100 p.m. "Pisces" Standard Time would be 8.00 p.m. Hong Kong Standard Time, or, Monday morning, 9 o'clock. "Pisces" would be Tuesday morning 12 o'clock in this Colony (Standard Time). But now you've got me all mixed up. Will you please let me know if I am right or wrong.

Peace Talks' Resumption As Remote As Ever

Both Sides Unwilling To Compromise

Communist Brigades Surrounded

Nanking, May 18.
Five Communist brigades have been surrounded by elements of six Nationalist divisions in the mountains between Ishui and Mengyin in Central Shantung and are facing annihilation, pro-Government reports claimed today.

The Nationalists include the American-equipped 7th Division which was last reported to be surrounded by the Communists in a hilly position. Latest reports indicate the division has established contact with the rescue columns and joined in the counter-attack against the Reds. The Nationalists also report surrounding Communist troops in two other pockets further north. In one pocket 5,000 Communists are said to be surrounded and already cut into three sections. In another three, reinforcements are said to be trapped and are being wiped out.

If the reports are true, this is the first success of the Government forces in finding the larger concentrations and crushing them in a decisive battle that may clean up Communist-held Central Shantung.

In Manchuria, heavy fighting is said to have raged in the outskirts of Changchun with five Communist divisions hurled against the city. Nationalist reports claim the Communists were repulsed after hand-to-hand fighting. The reports say the Communists retired 15 miles north for regrouping.

The Communist left wing attacking the Kirin area 50 miles east of Changchun has been stopped at Wulakai, 15 miles north of Kirin. Government reinforcements are said to be pouring into Kirin, where the situation once was reported to be precarious under superior Red forces. — United Press.

Telephone Pickets Again

Washington, May 18.
Ernest Weaver, President of the Association of Communications and Equipment Workers, today ordered his striking followers to re-establish picket lines "around every major telephone exchange in the country."

The union—the last major group still on strike in the United States telephone dispute—withdrawed the pickets on Thursday and Friday to permit other unions, who had settled with the telephone companies, to return to their jobs.

Reversing this decision, President Weaver says: "We expect that the members of other telephone unions will recognize their moral obligations as unionists and honour these lines."

His announcement came after a lengthy bargaining session with Western Electric Company. Weaver said the negotiations had not broken down but were "simply getting nowhere."

United Press.

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Nanking, May 18.
Mutually unacceptable conditions make a resumption of peace talks in China as remote as it ever has been since General George C. Marshall left the country and the Communist representatives quit Nationalist territory.

Some of the recent clamour for cessation of the civil war is believed to have been inspired by politicians trying to embarrass the CCC clique, rightist faction of the Kuomintang which favours a military settlement mostly out of the desire to preserve its own power and partly out of the conviction that any revival of peace parleys would only delay a showdown on the battlefield.

People who talk about resuming the negotiations do not seem to understand fully the profound bitterness, distrust and even hatred on both sides, according to observers, some of whom at least think Chiang Kai-shek might to some extent be counting on external events such as an allied war against Russia to drive the final nails into the coffin of Communism in China.

There is no doubting the dream of the people generally for peace because they are the principal sufferers from the civil war but the bridge between this dream and reality appears a long and insubstantial one over which it now seems impossible for both sides to come together, shake hands and settle down and rebuild their devastated country.

What it all boils down to in the opinion of most observers is this: Those without power to enforce their desire want peace—those with power to achieve it are not willing to make the necessary compromises. And this goes for both sides.

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You Drips Have To Get On The Beam

New York, May 18.
A professor of education suggested today that teachers sometimes should rally an inattentive class with such remarks as "Listen; you drips have to get on the beam."

He is Dr. Irving Lorge, associate professor of education at Columbia University Teachers' College.

Professor Lorge said the time had come to teach school-masters something about slang and give talk.

This would enable them to understand better the "verbal associations of their students."

While Dr. Lorge made it clear that he was not suggesting that teachers should use slang regularly in the classroom, he added:

"Get Hep"
"It might be worth while for a teacher, about once in six months, to tell a student to 'get hep' (get smart), or even to 'maul me' (shake hands)."

"Such phrases, used occasionally, would make a teenager feel that a teacher is 'in', or knows what it is all about."

Dr. Lorge interprets five talk as an adolescent desire for a secret vocabulary.

"It will do us when it becomes widely known, and the kids feel it is no longer their very own," he said. — Our Own Correspondent.

Peace Hope In Indo-China
Saigon, May 17.
The spokesman of the Vietnam United Nationalist Front—newly formed political association pledging its support to Bao Dai, emperor of Annam—told Reuters today that "in response to the French High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert's appeal, the Front will soon openly negotiate with the French authorities."

Disclosing that National Front leaders had recently invited Dr. Ho Chi Minh to join the Front, the spokesman declared: If Dr. Ho Chi Minh rejects the offer, the Front will deal with the French authorities without him.

"The National Front represents the whole Vietnam whereas Dr. Ho Chi Minh represents only one party—the Viet Minh."

Nguyen Hoan Bich, General Secretary of the National Front, and Nguyen van Sam, "Diplomatic delegate of the Front in Cochinchina," in a joint statement on May 17th's Hanoi speech declared: "The unity and independence of Vietnam are the basic demands of the Front and the French Government must therefore again declare clearly and unequivocally that these two principles shall underlie the future status of Indochina."

"Such a declaration alone will help successful negotiations with the Front."

"A free and independent Vietnam will guarantee the legitimate interests—cultural and economic—of France in Vietnam." — Reuters.

THE BIF

More than half a million people, including 10,710 overseas buyers, visited the nation's "show window," the British Industries Fair, which closed last night, according to statistics released today.

Comparative figures for 1939, the date of the last fair, were 6,287 overseas buyers out of an attendance of 840,000. — Reuter.

'Rubber Curtain' Inevitable

Tokyo, May 18.
An authoritative British source, commenting on the statement in the House of Commons that the United States had drawn a "rubber curtain" over Japan, said that it was true that American influence predominated in this theatre, but it was inevitable that it should be, in view of the original programme for the occupation.

Although it is unfortunate that Britain should play such a secondary role in Japan, it was obviously in her interests to cooperate sincerely with the Supreme Commander, who, among other things, had indicated that there would be no discrimination when private trading with Japan resumed.

It was regrettable, however, that the work of the United Kingdom Liaison in Tokyo should be limited to that of an observer, only able to contact the Japanese Government on official matters through General MacArthur's Headquarters. — Reuter.

Wonder If They Hiccapped?

New York, May 18.
Enemies during the war consumed hundreds of tons of explosives in mistake for flour.

They were not aware that what they were eating could blow them to atoms.

Professor George Kistiafsky, of Harvard University, told the story when he was presented with a medal for his war services.

He said he and his Harvard colleagues were asked to devise an explosive which could be shipped in disguised form to members of resistance movements.

They prepared an explosive which not only looked like flour, but could be eaten when it was bread. — Our Own Correspondent.

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR RICHARDS

London, May 17.
The champion jockey, Gordon Richards, requiring one winner at Lingfield today to establish a world record number of winning mounts, failed to achieve his objective.

Richards has ridden 48 winners this season, making his total 3,280, which equals Sam Healey's world record.

Healey, who gained most of his successes in Belgium, is a nephew of Sam and Tom Leats, contemporaries of the great Fred Archer. — Reuter.

The speaker at tomorrow's meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will be Major C.W.L. Way, and his subject will be "The First Burma Campaign". The meeting will take place at 12.30 p.m. in the Gloucester Hotel as usual.

Nazis Hoped For A Secret Peace Pact

Washington, May 18.
The Nazis hoped for an armistice with Russia in 1943 which would have been kept secret from the Western allies and in which the Soviets would have continued to draw lendlease from the United States.

This sly but unsuccessful move by Hitler came to light in captured German naval documents. The documents also disclosed: 1—The bombing of the United States with a new high-speed long-range six-engined plane was considered but was abandoned by July, 1943 "because the few airplanes which could get there would be of no significance but would only arouse will to resist in the population."

2—Admiral Karl Doenitz as commander-in-chief of the navy was to use "the new weapon of the air force"—apparently the V1 robot bomb or the V2 rocket—to attack allied shipping at Gibraltar in the summer of 1943. Hitler vetoed the plan and it was not until the following year that they were launched against London.

Armistice Plan
The official German documents were released by the Navy Department here and the British Admiralty in London.

Reference to the plan for a Russian armistice did not make clear whether it actually had been submitted to the Soviets.

The complete reference was as follows: "We hope to win the war only if we can stop expending our forces in the east. So far Japan has not been used for this purpose for fear of weakening Japan in the south by engaging her in the north."

"Also she might not be able to muster the necessary supplies for both fronts."

Japan And Siberia
"The Japanese Kwangtung army stands ready with 1,000,000 men. Japan herself wholeheartedly realised that intervention in Siberia may become necessary. Russia is getting considerable supplies via the east, therefore the question arises whether a threat by Japan that she will enter the war against Russia will help to make the latter accept the German offer of an unannounced armistice on the Eastern front, to be kept secret from the Anglo-Saxons."

"Russia would continue to accept lendlease materials. This political goal is worth every sacrifice."

"If this fails the east will must be built as quickly as possible." — Associated Press.

Price Of Wives Up 600 p.c.

New York, May 18.
World-wide inflation has hit Uganda, in the heart of Africa, and the price of a wife has zoomed 600 per cent.

Natives are having to forgo European-style clothing and, in many cases, marriage.

Cost of imported clothes has increased enormously.

In 1930 a native could purchase a bride for £7/10/-, whereas today he must pay about £50—a sum beyond the wildest imaginings of any but the richest natives. An increasing number are making their own clothes of animal hides. — Our Own Correspondent.

He left £5,450 (net personality £2,842) and in his will he instructed that, after certain bequests, the residue of his estate—"to accumulate for 21 years, and then to provide for the education of a young man to ensure his entry into one of the learned professions through an English university, any descendant of his brother John, bearing the surname of Davenall, to be given preference."

His brother John is dead now, too, but he left three sons—all now married, but none yet having children. — Our Own Correspondent.

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FURORE OVER WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Death Sentence On Kesselring Controversy

Bishops, Generals In Argument

London, May 17. Lieutenant General Sir Oliver Leese, former commander of British Forces in Italy, who protested last week at the death sentence passed on German Field Marshal Albert Von Kesselring for war crimes in Italy, said in an interview today that "my protest was justified. It drew the attention of the British Government and Parliament to the issue."

Lieutenant General Leese was the man who succeeded Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery as Commander of the British Eighth Army, and was reported last week as "very sad" at the Kesselring death sentence.

"Kesselring was a gallant soldier who fought his battles well and squarely," Leese told a Sunday Pictorial correspondent. "The Eighth Army men who fought against him had no complaints about his conduct. Like Rommel, Kesselring set a very good example in the treatment of prisoners—far better than the Italians."

Today Lieutenant General Leese said: "Since my first expression of opinion I have received many letters from ex-Eighth Army men who fought with me against Kesselring in Italy."

"Exceptional Claim"

"The overwhelming majority of them support my views. I have a crass opinion of Kesselring as a soldier and am very glad indeed that he has changed his mind and decided to appeal against his sentence. The matter has been aired in Parliament. Throughout this controversy my opinions have been that of a soldier who fought against Kesselring. The civil side of the question has, of course, to be taken into consideration but of course I knew nothing of that."

Lieutenant General Leese's outspoken comments started a flood of correspondence in the British press. Randolph Churchill, son of Britain's wartime Premier Winston Churchill, wrote to the Daily Telegraph, "It is shameful that two years after Germany capitulated unconditionally we should still be hounding down our defeated and defenceless foe. The case of Kesselring is particularly shocking. By surrendering an army of 1,000,000 men to Field Marshal Alexander he established an exceptional claim to be treated with civility."

Bishops joined with Generals in the worthy battle, and on Wednesday the War Office warned all officers from Field Marshals to subalterns to keep their own counsel on the issue.

V.C.'s Question

In the House of Lords on Tuesday, Lord de la Isle and Dudley, who won the Victoria Cross—Britain's highest award for valour—on the Anzio beaches when he was Major Philip Sydney, raised the question of the Kesselring sentence. Summing up on the Kesselring controversy, the London Evening newspaper "Star" said in an editorial: "An unexpected amount of admiration for Field Marshal Kesselring is being expressed by some military men in this country who evidently consider that his ability as a soldier entitles him

EXTREMISTS IN BALI

Batavia, May 18. Indonesian extremists from Java landed on the island of Bali, the "Paradise Island," just east of Java, in spite of attempts by a Dutch naval vessel patrolling the Bali Straits to prevent them, a Dutch naval communiqué announced today.

The Republicans made an attempt last Wednesday to drive off the Dutch naval sloop patrolling the Straits, the communiqué said, adding that Indonesian coastal fire was silenced by Dutch naval vessels, but opened up again yesterday, allowing the extremists to land.—Reuter.

"JANE"



NOT DOING SO BADLY

Carlisle, May 18. Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, declared today that there was too much pessimism about prospects of a peaceful settlement of world problems.

At ceremonies in which he was given the honorary freedom of Carlisle, Lord Montgomery said, "I don't think they, the peace-makers, are doing so badly. I would far sooner take a bit longer to win a good peace than patch up a bad peace quickly."—Associated Press.

Priestley Injured In Plane

Stockholm, May 17. Mr. J. B. Priestley, well-known British author and dramatist, was slightly injured today when the plane in which he was travelling pitched violently at 500 feet, ten minutes before landing at Stockholm airport.

Mr. Priestley cut his thumb and his glasses were pitched to the rear of the plane. The other passengers were shaken but not injured. They said that their luggage was thrown from the racks.

Mr. Priestley, accompanied by his daughters, Sylvia and Barbara, is visiting Sweden and Denmark to contact his literary and theatrical agents.—Reuter.

Immigration Ship In Navy Hands

Jerusalem, May 17. As a British naval boarding party headed the immigrant ship Trade Winds, with 1,500 Jews on board, into Haifa tonight, an unconfirmed report from Tel-Aviv said that a second ship carrying 4,000 Jews, was nearing Palestine.

This ship was said to be the "Brigadier Kisch," called after Brigadier Frederick Kisch who was killed in action in 1943.

At least three immigrant ships carrying in all 5,000 Jews were reported three days ago to be lurking in a secret harbor in the Dodecanese Islands, off the southwest coast of Turkey, waiting for a chance to beat the naval blockade of Palestine.

The 1,200-ton Trade Winds, bearing also the Jewish name of Hatikvah, the Jewish "National Anthem," was intercepted and escorted by naval vessels from the Lebanon coast to Palestine, and was boarded by British seamen who took control.

The Trade Winds was reported to be 50 miles off Haifa late today.

The ship had a heavy list when the immigrants rushed up on deck after the naval interception. Through loudspeakers, naval officers ordered them back below decks for their own safety, and they obeyed.

B.O.R.s Found

It was officially announced in Cyprus that 1,125 Jewish immigrants will sail from there on Monday to enter Palestine legally.

They comprise the April immigration quota of 750, with 375 remaining from the March quota after deduction of a number of successful illegal entries. Two British officers of the Royal Engineers, who were killed while dismantling a mine found on the Acre-Haifa Railway on Thursday, were buried with military honours at Haifa.

One-Sided To Give Up The Bomb

Athens, Ohio, May 18. Joseph E. Johnson, chief of the State Department's Division of International Security Affairs, believes that it would be a "one-sided exchange" if the United States gave up its atomic bomb now.

In an address before Ohio University's United Nations Committee, Johnson denounced Soviet demands that atomic bombs be scrapped before international atomic controls are adopted.

"Should their proposal be adopted, we should be deprived of the atomic bomb as a weapon and left with no real assurance that the technical knowledge we surrender would not be returned to us in the form of devastating attacks upon our cities and people," Johnson said.

Asserting that "apparently everybody is out of step but the Russians," Johnson said the Soviet Union for many months had held up organization of a UN police force.

"The negotiation of agreements to provide armed forces for the United Nations is one of the vital pieces of unfinished business before the organization," he declared.

Johnson also said President Truman's \$400,000,000 Greco-Turkish aid programme would strengthen, not weaken, the United Nations.

"Greece revived, healthy, tranquil and progressive, would be a vigorous participant in development of the United Nations and a useful contributor to peace," he said.—United Press.

B.O.A.C. Chief On Tour

New York, May 17. Viscount Knollys, Chairman of British Overseas Airways Corporation, told a press conference here today, in answer to a question, that, on the question of popularizing through flights via Britain between India and the United States, it was not a matter of competing with American lines, but of American lines competing with BOAC.

The recent ban on Britain's buying of American-built aircraft would not affect transatlantic services, but would necessitate operational changes on the Empire routes, he added.

Viscount Knollys, who relinquishes his post of chairman to Sir Harold Harley on July 1, is making a 33,000-mile farewell tour of BOAC world bases with Mr. Whitney Straight, who becomes Managing Director in July.

They will proceed to Australia, New Zealand, the Malay States, India, Iraq, Palestine, Egypt and East Africa before returning to London on June 13.—Reuter.

New Anti-T.B. Drug

Philadelphia, May 17. Discovery of a new streptomycin drug derived from the soil of Bikini Atoll and doubly effective against tuberculosis germs was announced at a meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists today.

The discovery was made by Dr. Donald B. Johnston of the New Jersey Agricultural Experimentation Station, who said the new drug is twice as powerful as the original in checking tuberculosis germs.

The soil was gathered at Bikini between the first and second atomic bomb tests, but Johnston said radioactivity had nothing to do with its germ-prohibiting characteristics. Tests on chick embryos showed the drug in non-poisonous but Johnston did not claim its successful use yet on humans.—United Press.

Appeal To Palestine

Jerusalem, May 17. The Palestine Government tonight issued as Communiqué No. 119, the text of the resolution moved by the Norwegian delegate and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on May 15 calling on all governments and peoples "and particularly upon the inhabitants of Palestine to refrain from the threat or the use of force" pending action by the Assembly on the report of the special fact-finding committee on Palestine.

Under Article 10 of the Palestine Government Press Ordinance, editors of all newspapers in Palestine must publish official communiqués as "essential in the public interest."—Reuter.

RELIEF AT AN END?

Washington, May 18. Senator Arthur Vandenberg indicated Congress may close the door to further direct foreign relief with approval of pending bills but he did not forecast action on rehabilitation and other assistance funds.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee told reporters without elaboration that he expects no further direct relief requests.

However, it seems likely President Truman must seek additional funds for economic assistance for nations hard hit by the war.—Associated Press.

"Oklahoma" Cheats The Junkyard

Pearl Harbour, May 18. The tragic battleship Oklahoma, raised from a shallow grave after the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbour, sank quietly in mid-Pacific on Saturday, thwarting the mainland junkyard for which she was bound.

The venerable warship, symbol of American prowess and pride, went over without a soul on board 540 miles Northeast of Pearl Harbour.

One week ago she had left in the tow of the tug Monarch and Hercules and had been due in San Francisco on May 30.

The hull was shipshape when she left. Suddenly and inexplicably she began to list heavily late on Friday.

Later Captain Kelly Sprague of the Hercules radioed that waves were washing over the Oklahoma's deck—long since stripped of guns and superstructure. He was ordered to head back for Pearl Harbour, but a little later—as it determined to escape an ignominious fate on the scrap heap—the Oklahoma parted the tow lines and plunged toward a bottom three miles down.

Seamen equipped her end with the famous battleship Warspite which on April 23 was wrecked on the Cornish coast, also while being towed toward a junkyard.—Associated Press.

Nitti Has A Shot

Rome, May 17. Aned premier-designate Francesco Nitti announced that he will accept on Sunday the mandate to form a new Italian Government indicating that he has obtained approval for his general programme from the country's major parties.

Nitti is attempting to form a Government of "national solidarity" with all major and minor parties.

Before Nitti's announcement the Italian Communist Party served notice that it intended to remain part of Italy's political life and would demand representation in any new Government formed. A statement by Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti after a 55-minute interview with Nitti said no Government is possible without cooperation of the Communists.—United Press.

MRS. TRUMAN ILL

Washington, May 17. President Truman left by plane for Grandview, Mo., today to visit his mother Martha, 91, who suffered a severe setback in her convalescence. Dr. Joseph Greene said her condition is "very critical" and during the night she went into "chills and sudden debility."

The President left the White House so suddenly that pressmen assigned to cover the White House were left behind. Other members of the Truman family already are at the bedside.

The President's mother suffered a broken hip in a fall two months ago.—United Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

WHITSUN RACE MEETING

Saturday, 24th and Monday 26th May, 1947

The First Bell will be rung at 2.00 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.30 p.m. each day.

Through numbers (16 Races—\$32) may be obtained at the office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$200) on the last race of the second day, 26th May.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close each day at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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tween 10 a.m. and noon and be-
tween 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. In-
spection Permits will be issued
by the Undersigned at his
Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the
Conditions of Sale published in
the Hong Kong (British Mil-
itary Administration) Gazette
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1946.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.
Hong Kong, 19th May, 1947.

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POLICE NOTICE

A. The attention of all owners
and drivers of HAND TRUCKS
is directed to the following Re-
gulations made under Ordinance
No. 40 of 1912:—

B. 4(1) A driver's licence is
required annually in
respect of truck, cart
or van.

8(1) A licence is required
annually in respect
of trucks.

78. Every driver of a
truck, cart or van
shall be photographed
at the public expense.
One copy of the
photograph shall be
attached to the
driver's licence and
one copy shall be
retained by the Com-
missioner of Police.

Every such driver
shall permit the
Police to take his
finger prints if and
whenever required by
the Commissioner of
Police.

79. A driver shall not
drive a truck, cart or
van from the rear
unless the load is so
disposed that it in no
way obstructs his
view.

80. Except with the per-
mission in writing
of the Commissioner
of Police, a driver
shall not drive a
truck, cart or van at
a speed in excess of
four miles an hour.
In the case of such
permission the speed
specified in the per-
mit shall not be
exceeded.

81. Except with the per-
mission in writing
of the Commissioner
of Police, a driver shall
not drive or place a
truck, cart or van in
any of the following
roads:

Wyndham Street,
Cochrane Street, Gra-
ham Street south
of Stanley Street,
Peel Street, Aberdeen
Street, Hollywood
Road between Po
Yan Street and
Queen's Road West,
Eastern Street, Cen-
tre Street south of
Queen's Road West
and Western Street
south of Des Voeux
Road West.

82. Except with the per-
mission in writing
of the Commissioner
of Police, a driver shall
not drive or place a
truck, cart or van in
Lee House Street or
Queen's Road Central
between Queen Vic-
toria Street and
Murray Road be-
tween 9 a.m. and 4
p.m.

83. Except with the per-
mission in writing
of the Commissioner
of Police, a driver shall
not drive or place a
truck in any of the
following roads:

Albany Road, Aber-
deen Street above
Wellington Street,
Arbutnot Road,
Babington Pathway,
Balfour Path, Castle
Road, Cochrane Street,
Centre Street, south
of Queen's Road
West, D'Agular
Street, Elgin Street,
Eastern Street south
of Queen's Road,
Tung Street, Garden
Road, Graham Street,
south of Stanley
Street, Gutalaff
Street, Gap Road,
Gage Street, Hill
Road, Hospital Road,
Ice House Street
south of Queen's
Road, Kennedy Road,
Lyndhurst Terrace,
Lower Albert Road,
Magazine Gap Road,
Mosque Street, Old
Bailey Street, Peak
Road, Peel Street,
Pokfulam Road (be-
tween Bonham Road
and Queen's Road),
Park Road, Robin-
son Road, Seymour
Road, Shelly Street,
Shing Wong Street,
Square Street, St.
Francis Yard, Stave-
ley Street, Upper
Albert Road, Wing

Owners of these vehicles are
informed that a licence will
only be granted in special cases
provided the above Regulations
are fully complied with and that
the licensing fee of \$48.00 per
annum is paid.

D. As from 1st June, 1947,
all owners and drivers of un-
licensed hand trucks found
operating on the roads of the
Colony will be prosecuted by
the Police Authorities.

Fung Street, Western
Street south of Des
Voeux Road, Wynd-
ham Street, Wellin-
gton Street, Sal Street
and Zetland Street

84. Except as in this re-
gulation provided, for
every permit granted
under regulation 81
or 83 the fee of
\$10.00 for the year,
or part of the year,
ending on the 31st
December, during
which such permit
is in force, shall be
payable by the
holder: Provided
that the fee for a
special and tem-
porary permit for a
period not exceeding
one month shall be
\$1.00 only.

154. A truck, cart or van
or horse or bullock
drawn vehicle shall
be provided with an
efficient brake in
good working order.
Any Police officer
may at any time
examine the brake of
such vehicle and if
in his opinion the
brake is not efficient
he may cause the
vehicle to be taken
to and detained at a
Police Station.

155. The width of the
face of the tyre of a
truck, cart or van or
horse or bullock
drawn vehicle shall
not be less than three
inches and the
diameter of the wheel
shall be not less than
fifteen inches. The
Commissioner of
Police may in his
discretion prescribe a
greater width of
tyre or diameter of
wheel, if the weight
of the vehicle or of
the load which it is
designed to carry
renders it in his
opinion expedient to
do so.

156. An applicant for a
truck licence shall as
a condition of the
issue of such licence
enter into a bond in
the sum of \$50.00
with one surety to
the satisfaction of
the Commissioner of
Police to ensure the
attendance before the
Commissioner of
Police of the licensee
or the driver of the
truck, whenever re-
quired, and the pay-
ment of fines, com-
pensation or damages
imposed, awarded or
recovered on, against
or from the licensee
or the driver of the
truck.

157. Except with the per-
mission in writing
of the Commissioner
of Police and subject
to such conditions as
he may see fit to im-
pose, a licensee of a
truck shall not trans-
fer his licence.

158. Except with the per-
mission in writing
of the Commissioner
of Police, a truck shall
not exceed six feet
six inches in width
between its extreme
projecting points nor
fourteen feet in total
length, nor shall the
load placed upon the
truck exceed five feet
in width or ten feet
in length, nor shall
a truck be driven
which with the load,
if any, exceeds one
ton in weight. Such
permits may be
granted for any
particular occasion
or for any period not
exceeding twelve
months.

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informed that a licence will
only be granted in special cases
provided the above Regulations
are fully complied with and that
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D. As from 1st June, 1947,
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licensed hand trucks found
operating on the roads of the
Colony will be prosecuted by
the Police Authorities.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Hong Kong, 29th March, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson and Com-
pany, Limited, Hong Kong, on
Thursday, the 29th day of May,
1947, at 12 o'clock Noon, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
16th day of May to the 11th
day of June, 1947, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., 18 Pedder Street, Vic-
toria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, on Thursday, the 29th
day of May, 1947, at 12.20 in
the afternoon or so soon there-
after as the Annual General
Meeting shall have been con-
cluded for the purpose of pro-
posing and if thought fit pass-
ing the sub-joined resolution as
a special resolution viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered by cancelling
Articles 127 (a) and 127 (b)
and that the following Articles
be substituted:—

"127 (a) Any General Meeting
may resolve that any moneys
investments or other assets form-
ing part of the un-
divided profits of the
company or any un-
realised profits arising
from revaluation of
any assets of the
company and stand-
ing to the credit of
any reserve or any
capital redemption
reserve fund, or in
the hands of the
company and avail-
able for dividend (or
representing pre-
miums received on
the issue of shares
and standing to the
credit of the share
premium account) be
capitalised and dis-
tributed amongst
such of the share-
holders as would be
entitled to receive
the same if distrib-
uted by way of di-
vidend and in the
same proportions as
the footing that they
become entitled thereto
as capital and that
all or any part of
such capitalised pro-
fits or reserves be
applied on behalf
of such shareholders
in paying up in full
either at par or at
such premium as the
resolution may pro-
vide, any unissued
shares or debentures
or debenture stock
of the company
which shall be
distributed accord-
ingly or in or to-
wards payment of
the uncalled liability
on any issued shares
or debentures or de-
benture stock, and
that such distribu-
tion or payment
shall be accepted by
such shareholders in
full satisfaction of
their interest in the
said capitalised pro-
fits or reserves."

"127 (b) For the purpose of
giving effect to any
resolution under the
last preceding article
the directors may
settle any difficulty
which may arise in
regard to the dis-
tribution as they
think expedient, and
in particular may is-
sue fractional certi-
ficates. Where re-
quisite, a proper con-
tract shall be deliv-
ered to the Registrar
for registration in
accordance with Sec-

tion 44 of the Com-
panies Ordinance,
1932 and the direc-
tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf
of the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following two resolu-
tions will be proposed as or-
dinary resolutions respectively
viz:—
(1) That the authorised
Capital of the Company
be increased to \$20,000,-
000 by the creation of 3,-
350,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$5
each.
(2) That it is desirable to
capitalise a sum of
HK\$6,500,000 being part
of the balance standing
at the credit of the Fixed
Assets Revaluation
Reserve of the company
and accordingly that such
sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and that such
capital sum be applied
on behalf of the persons
who on the 29th day of
May 1947 were the
holders of the 650,000
issued shares of the com-
pany in payment in full
for 1,500,000 new shares
of the nominal value of
\$5 each, and that such
1,500,000 new shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to
such persons respectively
in the proportion of two
of such new shares for
every one of the said
issued shares then held
by such persons respec-
tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
poses as an increase of
the nominal amount of
the capital of the com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and further that
such new shares shall
from the 1st day of
January 1947 rank for
dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with
the already issued shares.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

At approximately 8.45 p.m.
on Saturday, 17th May 1947
an unknown Chinese Female
seriously injured was found
lying in Hennessy Road near the
junction with Tin Lok Lane.

"This woman has since died.

Will any person who can
give any information regarding
this incident please go or tele-
phone to the nearest police
station.

Commissioner of POLICE.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE

On the retirement of the
Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key,
O.B.E.) Mr. J. B. Kite has
been appointed Secretary of
the Chamber as from 19th
May, 1947.

By Order of the General
Committee,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th May, 1947.

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Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Offices of Messrs.
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1945 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 21st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

tion 44 of the Com-
panies Ordinance,
1932 and the direc-
tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf
of the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following two resolu-
tions will be proposed as or-
dinary resolutions respectively
viz:—

(1) That the authorised
Capital of the Company
be increased to \$20,000,-
000 by the creation of 3,-
350,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$5
each.

(2) That it is desirable to
capitalise a sum of
HK\$6,500,000 being part
of the balance standing
at the credit of the Fixed
Assets Revaluation
Reserve of the company
and accordingly that such
sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and that such
capital sum be applied
on behalf of the persons
who on the 29th day of
May 1947 were the
holders of the 650,000
issued shares of the com-
pany in payment in full
for 1,500,000 new shares
of the nominal value of
\$5 each, and that such
1,500,000 new shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to
such persons respectively
in the proportion of two
of such new shares for
every one of the said
issued shares then held
by such persons respec-
tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
poses as an increase of
the nominal amount of
the capital of the com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and further that
such new shares shall
from the 1st day of
January 1947 rank for
dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with
the already issued shares.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1947.

LAHORE SITUATION: BRITISH RUSH TROOPS

New Delhi, May 17.

British troops were rushed today to the trouble
centres in Lahore, where cases of arson and
stabbing were reported during a four-hour re-
laxation of the curfew.

The city was still blazing tonight and fire brigades
were locked in a desperate struggle with the
fires started by rioters. Arson was organised
systematically and some buildings were set
alight for the second time.

Casualties, including victims
suffering from knife-wounds,
gun-shot and stone throwing in-
juries and burns in the last
three days were reported un-
officially tonight to be 46 dead
and 71 injured.

Crowds were reported to
have dispersed on the arrival
of British troops, and the District
Magistrate told Reuters that the
situation early tonight was
much easier than yesterday.

Two were killed and others
seriously injured today when
police opened fire on crowds
fighting a pitched battle with
brickbats.

Congress Demand

The leader of the Congress
Party in the Punjab, Bismar
Sachar, today sent a telegram
to the Governor of the Pro-
vince, Sir Evan Jenkins. The
telegram demanded the calling
out of troops on an extensive
scale and the imposition of a
24-hour curfew. "Only imme-
diate action can check further

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pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:—

(a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled
(b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three"

(c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76 — "76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person, shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,
R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong.
Dated this Ninth day of May,
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U.N.O. To Discuss Press Freedom

Lake Success, May 17.

A United Nations sub-commission on Monday be-
gins consideration of the proposed agenda for
freedom of the press by examining the Ameri-
can, British and French proposals.

The Economic and Social
Council will fix the date of the
conference which will meet some
time in July.

The United Nations gave the
United Nations a sweeping pro-
gramme designed to guarantee
freedom of the press and speech
throughout the world. The pro-
posals cover the entire field of
news gathering and news trans-
mission.

It is significant that the de-
mands, selected from the pro-
posals presented by Czechoslovak
Chaffee, U.S. member of the UN
sub-commission on freedom of in-
formation and of the press, asked
the nations of the world to join
the United Nations in

1. Guaranteeing freedom of
travel and equal access to news
for reporters;
2. Eliminating censorship and
eliminating discrimination in
rates for transmitting news dis-
patches;

3. Formally recognising free-
dom of the press and speech;
4. Expansion of individual
states' physical properties such
as printing presses, newspaper,
shortwave radio receivers;

5. Promotion of training for
correspondents;
6. Promotion of continuing
study of newspapers and news
agencies;

7. Standardisation of the laws
of libel;
8. Formulation of codes of
ethics for foreign correspondents;

9. Investigation of distorted
facts or stories.—United Press.

and Grootwohl in Berlin—said
that the British ban "offends
against the democratic rights
of the people."—Reuters.

FINAL NOTICE

PRE-OCCUPATION (ARMY) CLAIMS COMMISSION SEAC - HONGKONG SECTION

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Companies/Individuals who have not already filed
their claim against the Army for unpaid accounts
contracted prior to 25th December 1941 are
requested to do so IMMEDIATELY.

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P. 1922, and submit originals or certified true
copies of all documentary evidence in support of
their claims.

3. Claims to be forwarded to A.D. Claims &
Hirings, Room 205, 2nd Floor, Hong Kong &
Shanghai Bank Building, HONG KONG, (Tel.
No. 30009) and clearly marked "PRE-OCCUPA-
TION CLAIM."

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New York, May 18.
Miss Mary P. Powers, worth \$15,000,000, has lived in a New York hotel suite for 25 years without emerging once. She has been seen by only three visitors.

Miss Powers, a small woman, dresses in Gay Nineties fashions, has no radio, and sees no newspapers.

Her bank manager, a waiter, who serves her one daily meal, and a doctor who sees her once a year, are the only visitors she has.

Miss Powers is in her early sixties. She lives behind barred doors and closed windows, and pays her \$30 daily rental four times each year.

These facts were revealed when the Court was asked what an investment company would do with \$25,000 due to her for services as an executrix.

Miss Powers refuses to take the cheque or see the company officials.

"Miss Powers' suite is covered with accumulated dust," said the hotel manager.

"She will not allow maids inside, usually wears a dark, old-fashioned dress, with a napkin around her neck, and lives literally in a mid-Victorian halo."

"Not once in 25 years have clothes been delivered to her."

—Our Own Correspondent.

**JAP TEXTILES
IN MANILA**

Manila, May 18.
The Cabinet decided to sell to the highest bidder a cargo of 1,800,000 yards of Japanese manufactured textiles which recently arrived here, on the ground that textiles are no longer a critically needed commodity in the islands.

Vicente Savalvario, acting manager of the government-owned National Development Company, said there are more textiles in stock here than in any prewar period.—Associated Press.

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**"Quit India" Before
June, 1948?**

London, May 17.

Crucial decisions in the forthcoming talks between the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, and the British Cabinet India experts may be taken at Chequers, official country residence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, 40 miles out of London in Buckinghamshire.

Parliament rises next week for the Whitsuntide recess and the Prime Minister usually leaves London for Chequers on such occasions. Many fateful decisions about India have already been taken at Chequers and it was there in the last Easter recess that Mr. Attlee made up his mind to accept the resignation of Lord Pethick Lawrence, who had wished for some time to be relieved of the burden of the office of Secretary of State for India. Chequers is in direct telephone communication with all Whitehall Departments.

The Whitsuntide recess will leave the Prime Minister free to concentrate on the Indian problem and will also give some respite to other India experts.

Lord Listowel, Secretary of State for India, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. A. V. Alexander, India Under-Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson and the Dominions Under-Secretary, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, are all daily answerable to Parliament when it is in session.

By calculations of observers in London, the talks will not exceed nine days since the Viceroy is not expected here before Tuesday and must be back in Delhi for the opening of the conference with the Indian political leaders—at which the British plan of procedure for the transfer of power will be announced—on June 2.

Division Probable

The Prime Minister has arranged to preside—as he has at all recent vital negotiations about India and Burma—over all the Viceroy-Cabinet group talks. Preliminary arrangements have been made for a speedy announcement of the results, both in London and Delhi when Parliament reassembles on June 2.

The Government has not so far made arrangements for a debate after the Prime Minister's announcement in Parliament. Depending on the context of the announcement, the Opposition—which is watching the present constitutional moves closely—may demand time for discussion of its implications. A question and answer type of interrogation is permitted to the House of Commons after statements by Prime Ministers but in the ordinary way the Opposition is not satisfied with this procedure as a means of ventilating an important subject and pressing for a debate to follow.

Political quarters here regard the situation in India as pointing more and more to the inevitability of division rather than unity but the Cabinet is evidently still keen on the possibility of giving the Cabinet Mission plan of May 16, 1946 a last chance.

Leaving Date

Speculation is still focussed largely on the suggestion—which one report today attributed to the Viceroy—that Bri-

**National
Police
College**

London, May 18.

A new National Police College is to be opened in Britain this year.

It will offer an opportunity to every constable to fit himself for filling the highest posts since the future policy in that all officers will be drawn from the ranks.

The college will replace a former training establishment—the Metropolitan Police College at Hendon—which was discontinued during the war.

It is proposed that candidates for entrance normally should have served in the ranks for at least five years, but in order that any young constable with unusual ability may not be held back it is recommended that a special course for such entrants should also be provided.

The initial cost of setting up the college will be about £20,000, with an annual expenditure of £60,000. It will be controlled by a board of Governors—half nominated by the Home Secretary and half by local authorities—composed of representatives of the various police organisations in Britain.

Studies are likely to take the form of junior and senior residential courses. The former will last six months and will be for sergeants, while the senior course will be of three months duration and is to provide officers of the rank of inspector and above with training for higher posts.

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As the gunman glanced about, cashier John Dick dashed outside; Kirk ducked under the counter.

Flustered, the three youths fled, but were captured 25 miles away after police erected a barricade.—Our Own Correspondent.

Belgrade, May 18.
The Information Ministry announced today that Dragoljub Jovanovic, opposition member of parliament, had been arrested on charges of working for "certain foreign services."—Associated Press.

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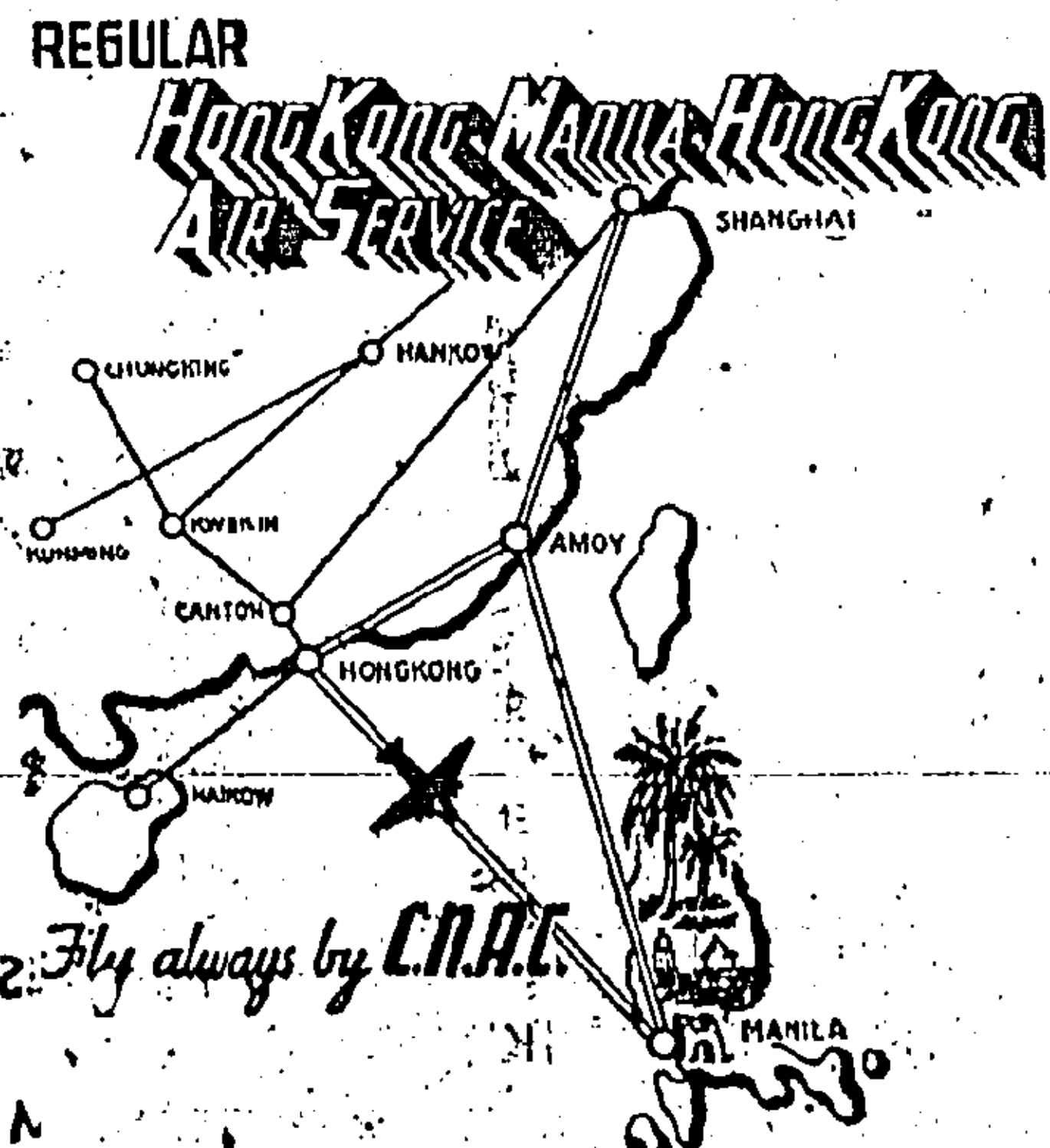


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A LESSON LEARNED

It was just over a year ago that Britain's wartime Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, made his speech at Fulton which attracted worldwide attention and stirred up an immense volume of political discussion. In that speech, Mr. Churchill spoke of the "iron curtain" which the Russians had erected in Europe, warned of the dangers of Russian Communist expansion, and proposed an Anglo-American partnership (not a military alliance, as newspaper headlines wrongly suggested) to safeguard world peace and freedom.

Looking back on all that has happened in the last twelve months, it is both amusing and instructive to recall the reactions which that speech provoked. Though Mr. Churchill only said in public what nearly all well-informed people had been saying in private for many months, scarcely anyone was ready to endorse his views. Communists and fellow travellers naturally denounced the speech in bitter terms, and anti-Communists were unsure of how public opinion would react.

President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes let it be known that they had not seen the speech before it was delivered. Henry Wallace, who had not yet been dismissed as Secretary of Commerce, actually expressed the opinion that Mr. Churchill had "insulted" the President by making such a speech in his presence. And Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson a few weeks later excused himself at the last moment from attending a dinner given for Mr. Churchill in New York. Little support was forthcoming for Mr. Churchill's views even from Conservative leaders in London. Indeed, for some months he seemed almost as politically isolated as he was in the days when he was warning the world of the oncoming tide of Nazism.

How changed is the situation today. As one rereads Mr. Churchill's Fulton speech, every word seems mild and even tame compared with current speeches and actions of the United States Government. Dean Acheson has told a Congressional committee that he regards Soviet Russia's policy as "aggressive." Secretary of State George C. Marshall was tough with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in Moscow, and the United States is sending money and munitions to Greece and Turkey in an attempt to bar a further spread of Soviet imperialism.

What has brought about this extraordinary change in so short a time? Certainly not public reflection on Mr. Churchill's Fulton speech. It is unlikely that that human beings in the mass are seldom influenced by reason. They only learn by events and usually only by unpleasant events. Mr. Churchill could have stamped the United States for a year without decisively affecting opinion.

All credit for the changed American opinion must go to Foreign Minister Molotov and Vice Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky, and to the Politburo in Moscow, which has authorized their activities during the last twelve months. Their aggressive tactics, their refusal to cooperate and, above all, the insolent way in which they have sabotaged the United Nations, in which so many hopes of a more peaceful world reside, have convinced the American public that it is quite impossible to work with Russia.

Though the public has been slow to learn this lesson, they have learned it much quicker than they did in the case of Germany. It is one of the weaknesses of the democratic system that there is always bound to be a time lag while public opinion prepares itself reluctantly to face the facts of the disintegrating world. In which we live. During that time lag, aggressive dictators can set a march on the free world and stake out claims to which they have no right. Leaders of the free world are forced to sit back and watch wrong things done because they have not yet succeeded in

NEW DEAL FOR THE CHINESE FARMER

By THOMAS ALDEGUER

The rightful owners, in the meantime, are being paid off in 15-yearly instalments by means of land bonds issued by the Government-sponsored Farmers Bank of China.

Land Taxes

The order of priority in which the Government intends to follow in the distribution of re-allocated land, it is learned, is:—

1. Tenants before the Communist invasion.
2. Present tenants, and
3. Demobilized soldiers and dependents of armed forces who are capable of farming.

The new farm laws, it is also reported, will limit the rental chargeable by a landlord to eight per cent of the value of the land; give tenant-farmers the option of paying rental in cash or agricultural produce; provide for a reduction or exemption from rental in the event of crop failure or famine; call for an improvement in the methods of cultivation with Government aid; and provide for credit at a low interest to financially hard-pressed farmers.

Simultaneously with the introduction of the land reforms, a new system of land taxation is likely to be inaugurated to ease the burden of China's predominantly agrarian community. Although still very much in the blueprint stage, the taxation scheme, it is reported, may include adoption of the taxation level prevailing prior to the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937 as a basis for present taxation; exemption of peasants in areas recovered from the Communists from payment of taxes in food; and provision for the payment of all taxes in cash, and not in food, in regions where harvests have been unusually poor.

New Implements

One of the important effects of the "New Deal" will be the transformation of the chequer-board size land holdings of the average farmer today—measuring between one and two acres at the most—into large compact farms on which agricultural machinery could be worked.

According to Mr. Cheng Hsiao, Vice-Minister of Economic Affairs and Director of the China Land Administration Research Institute, the Government intends to establish as early as possible tractor stations in various regions and at the same time purchase a large number of tractors and other agricultural tools from the United States for cooperative farms, which will also be supplied with plough oxen, farming implements, seeds and fertilizers.

Mr. Chang Hsiao said that land reforms was not only the foundations of a new agricultural system in China, but also the prerequisite of industrialization of the country. And world

scholars, he added, also think that economically China can be prosperous only if and when the present feudalistic land ownership system is reformed, thereby improving the livelihood of the farming populace.

Meanwhile, the Government has begun distributing 15,000 new farm tools—the first to be manufactured in China—under the auspices of the National Agricultural Engineering Corporation, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Priority is being given to farmers in war-devastated regions.

Canton Workshop

These implements are said to represent the beginning of a long-range programme which aims at the manufacture of 20,000,000 farm tools a year. They were turned out by the Central Shop of the NAEC in Shanghai, which was fitted out by UNRRA.

This relief organization is now turning over US\$7,300,000 worth of equipment and materials to the National Agricultural Engineering Corporation for the establishment of 18 provincial workshops, including one at Canton, the South China metropolis, and another at Tsingtau, in Shanghai Province, and also 3,000 blacksmiths and wheelwright shops for distribution to village blacksmiths or to agencies experienced in manufacturing agricultural implements.

These 3,000 blacksmith shops are being designed upon to prepare nearly 60 per cent of the urgently needed tools and implements in the postwar rehabilitation of China's agriculture, while the total production potential of the Shanghai workshop and the 18 provincial factories is estimated at 120,000 tons of tools and implements a year.

When all units are operating in full swing, they will be capable of producing all types of farm equipment, ranging from simple Chinese hand ploughs to complicated irrigation equipment. For the beginning they will concentrate on hoes, sickles, forks, pumps and cotton gins.

Training Classes

To meet the demand for the services of technicians for the provincial shops, training classes have been opened in Shanghai. At present 23 graduate students in engineering from various universities are being trained to take over supervisory positions.

Concurrently with the farm tool production programme of the National Agricultural Engineering Corporation, CNRRA has established a farm machinery assembly plant project to facilitate the processing and distribution of the heavy agricultural equipment which UNRRA is sending to China, including some 2,000 tractors. So far, seven tractor ploughing projects are in operation in various parts of the country, and these will be extended as more and more tractors arrive.

GERMAN PAPER FINED

Berlin, May 18.

The press section of the Soviet Military Administration has fined the Russian licensed newspaper "Berlin Am Mittag" for a headline deemed "insulting" to the French Premier, Paul Ramadier.

The amount of the fine was not announced. The headline appeared on May 8 over a story about the World Bank Loan to France. It said "dollar bonus for Ramadier." Associated Press.

100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the "China Mail", May 19, 1947).

By the arrival of the Amella we have received intelligence besides that what was brought by the Auckland steamer. Little of stirring interest had transpired except, than an abundance of Antimony ore is stated to have been collected at Bantolito by Mr. Burns, which gentleman is doing very well, it is said.

We understand that a complaint has been made to the commander of the "Phlegathon," guardship at Labuan, that the commander of one of the trading briggs at Borneo proper had concealed four Borneo women on board, the brig was searched but to no purpose, yet it was believed the worthy dames were in the vessel.

These women are said to have been taken away from Pan-geeran McMorien, and would have been strangled if discovered and taken back three others having a few days previous undergone that means of execution.

If this statement be correct we cannot but regret that any attempt should be made to offer violence to the scruples of the natives of Borneo, such a course is calculated to embarrass our relations and to frustrate all endeavours to raise the people in the scale of civilization.

TO APPOINTMENT RECEIVED AN INVITE OF SHOT, also Orlis and Harvey's writing, and on ROBT. RUTHERFORD.

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D None
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C J 7 3 2

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C K 3

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
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Better Than The Bomb

Washington, May 18.

Glenn L. Martin, airplane manufacturer, told Senators today that United States scientists are working on a "radioactive cloud" which could be released by planes at a great altitude without the explosion of an atomic bomb.

Appearing before the Senate Commerce Subcommittee, Martin said he was not too sure the United States should procure too many atomic bombs because of the work of this "cloud."

He told reporters later that the "cloud" could be of greater military value than the atomic bomb, except that it might "boomerang" by drifting back with the wind. Associated Press.

Soviet Again The Snag

Vienna, May 17.

After a week's discussion of the draft Austrian treaty, the "Big Four" Commission meeting here today has still not reached an agreement of the instructions to be given to their committee of experts, appointed on May 12.

The main difference is between the three western powers and Russia, on the degree of independence to be given the experts.

The Russians want a strict limitation of subjects they may discuss.

The British spokesman said that he was still optimistic, and hoped that when the commission meet again on Monday, the Soviet delegate would have received the new instructions he said he was expecting.

Today's meeting ended with the Soviet delegation promising to study a revised American draft of the experts' terms of reference.

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WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES Little If Any Larger Next Year Forecast Of Rice Shortage

Washington, May 18.
The world food supply for the coming year will be little if any larger than during the current year, despite widespread efforts to increase production, the U.S. Agriculture Department said today.

Continued rice shortage in this year's production of food, forecast for Asia, the Department predicted, adding that Japan will require larger imports than this year mainly because of the natural increase in population and addition of repatriates.

Severe winter, extensive floods and labour shortages reduced acreage of winter food grain below that of a year ago in Western Europe, the scene of recent outbreaks of unrest over the food shortages. Only a small part of acreage loss will be made up by spring grain plantings.

However, there will probably be larger acreages of sugar, beets, potatoes, food grains and further recovery in the output of livestock products.

Rice Outlook

The Department said prospective declines in the food grain production in several importing countries may be offset by increased production in several principal exporting countries, notably the United States and Canada.

Some increase is likely in associated Press.

RICE CONFERENCE

Scheveningen, May 17.
While farmers of Europe and the New World are grappling here with problems of production and distribution of wheat, delegates and observers from India, China and Burma are making arrangements to hold, at the earliest moment in Burma, the first conference of the recently-formed Asiatic Peasants Organisation to formulate a plan for the production and distribution of rice.

Other subjects on the agenda will include such economic and social problems as small holdings, poor cattle stock and breeds, irrigation and drainage, cooperative reorganisation of agriculture and the high incidence of landlordism and taxation.

Attention will also be focused on the fact that while Western farmers with large capital are able to export huge quantities of farm produce, those from the East, mostly in debt, are compelled to produce largely for local needs.

Professor N.G. Ranga, leader of the Indian delegation attending the first annual conference here and who is the leading light behind the projected conference, told Reuters that "international rice agreements are needed very badly if rice producers are to be assured of a stable remunerative price and if their purchasing power for absorbing manufactured goods is to be enhanced."

Landlordism Must Go

"Such an agreement becomes indispensable if Asia peasants are to be protected from impending economic depression. The forthcoming international rice conference can be effectively made to achieve better results than the recent abortive London wheat conference, provided Asian peasants get together," he said.

"The peasants of Asia must liquidate landlordism," continued Professor Ranga, "and establish direct relations with the Government regarding landholding and the payment of taxes. They must also replace the system of private money lending with cooperative banks, and they should strive to develop their independence of world markets through suitable commodity agreements."

"Finally they must gain mastery over the coffee, rubber and rice plantations. I have discussed these things with delegates and observers from China and Burma attending the Conference here. I have also discussed with delegates who represent the peasant unions in Indonesia and Indo-China at the Delhi Asian Conference."

"They are all agreed upon the necessity for the coming conference which should be fully representative of the peasants of all the countries of Asia," Reuters.

Nice, May 17.
King Gustav of Sweden will leave here for Paris by rail tomorrow afternoon. A special coach has been put at his disposal on the Nice-Paris express. Today the King went for a drive along the coast after lunching quickly at the hotel.

EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILED

Calcutta, May 17.
Thirty were killed and 61 injured when an express train was derailed today on the Bengal-Assam railway. The accident occurred shortly after midnight when it was officially stated that the engine and nine carriages of the train capsized. Three relief trains carried railway officials and medical equipment to the scene and the injured were treated on the spot.—Reuters.

U.S. Virtually Defenceless

Tacoma, Wash., May 17.
Maj. Gen. George Hays, commander of the Sixth Army, said today that the United States is virtually defenceless, with only two army divisions capable of going into combat at the present time.

Ending a three-day tour of inspection at the Fort Lewis firing centre near here, Hays said all other divisions overseas are so bogged down in administrative affairs that they are unprepared for battle.

He said the Second Division at Fort Lewis and the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg are the only two units capable of immediate battle action.—United Press.

ANTI-FRENCH ASSOCIATION

Saigon, May 18.
The existence of an anti-French Association "which is working in favour of our adversaries" in Cholon, a Chinese town near Saigon, was alleged by a writer in the French evening paper "L'Union Francaise" today.

The writer said that this association, which is named Sino-Viet, had as its leading member a Chinese who had collaborated with the Japanese during their occupation of Indo-China in the middle of 1945.

The columnist further alleged that military posts and patrols were being attacked in several districts of Cholon during the night.

"These attacks are reportedly being made by the Viet-Minh (Nationalists) who find shelter in the sheds and huts occupied by the Chinese," he added.—Reuters.

SOVIET GETS NERVOUS

London, May 17.
A radio Moscow commentator, discussing "American expansion in the Near East," said "Americans are becoming the sole purveyors of arms in the East and are selling cheaply there both surplus goods and obsolete arms."

The commentator said "almost everywhere in the East, Americans are establishing airbases and landing fields. In Dakhavan, centre of the oil industry of Saudi Arabia, Americans have built an enormous air-drome which represents an important American air base in the East and Middle East."—United Press.

"TOO MUCH TALKING ABOUT WAR"

Washington, May 17.
The former Secretary of State, Mr. J. F. Byrnes, declared today: "In both the Soviet Union and the United States, there is too much talk about war and too little talk about peace. I deny that conflict is inevitable."

He made this statement on receiving the "humanitarian award" from the "Variety Clubs International" for his "faithful efforts for the establishment of worldwide peace."

Mr. Byrnes, who only a few months ago was America's chief peacemaker and who is now practicing private law in Washington, claimed: "The people of the Soviet Union do not want war. The people of the United States certainly do not want war. Under the circumstances, should war come, it won't be because people want war, but because of the incapacity of those who control the governments of the world. I do not believe there exists such bankruptcy of statesmanship."

No Dictation

"On the contrary, I believe that we can make peace," he said. "We have made it clear to the Soviet Union that it cannot dictate terms of peace. We must also realise that the United States cannot dictate the terms of the peace."

"There can be such dictation only to a defeated enemy or state or a defenceless state. The Allied Powers must realise that in their peace negotiations there is no place for a 'take it or leave it' attitude. They must negotiate with each other on terms of equality."

"They are not called on to sacrifice fundamental principles, but they are called on to make wise decisions as to what are questions of principle and what are questions of policy."

Elections In French Zone

Baden, May 18.
Two million prospective German voters were enjoined by their newspapers to shake off their political lethargy and participate in the French zone's first state elections today.

Three states with the Saar excluded are to choose parliaments and pass on proposed constitutions.

The Right Wing Christian party claimed to be certain of a majority.

Allied observers agreed the political campaign had hardly been more than a "paper battle" but the press united in an effort to whip up public interest.

Attention was chiefly focused on three draft constitutions which reflected the French influence by stipulating in broad terms that municipalities and countries can undertake ownership of basic industries, public utilities and banks.—Associated Press.

Time Marches On

London, May 18.
The King's old basement kitchen is now a part of the headquarters of a film company. Motion pictures will be shown where once maids and butlers scurried to prepare the royal meals.

No. 145, Piccadilly, where the King and Queen, as the Duke and Duchess of York, lived, for 10 years, was demolished by a bomb during the war. Only the huge basement and cellars now remain.

These will be turned into a private motion picture theatre and restaurant to serve the headquarters of Sir Alexander Korda's new offices for London Film Productions, Ltd., which will be housed in Nos. 144 and 146 adjoining.—Associated Press.

POLES' NEW HOMES

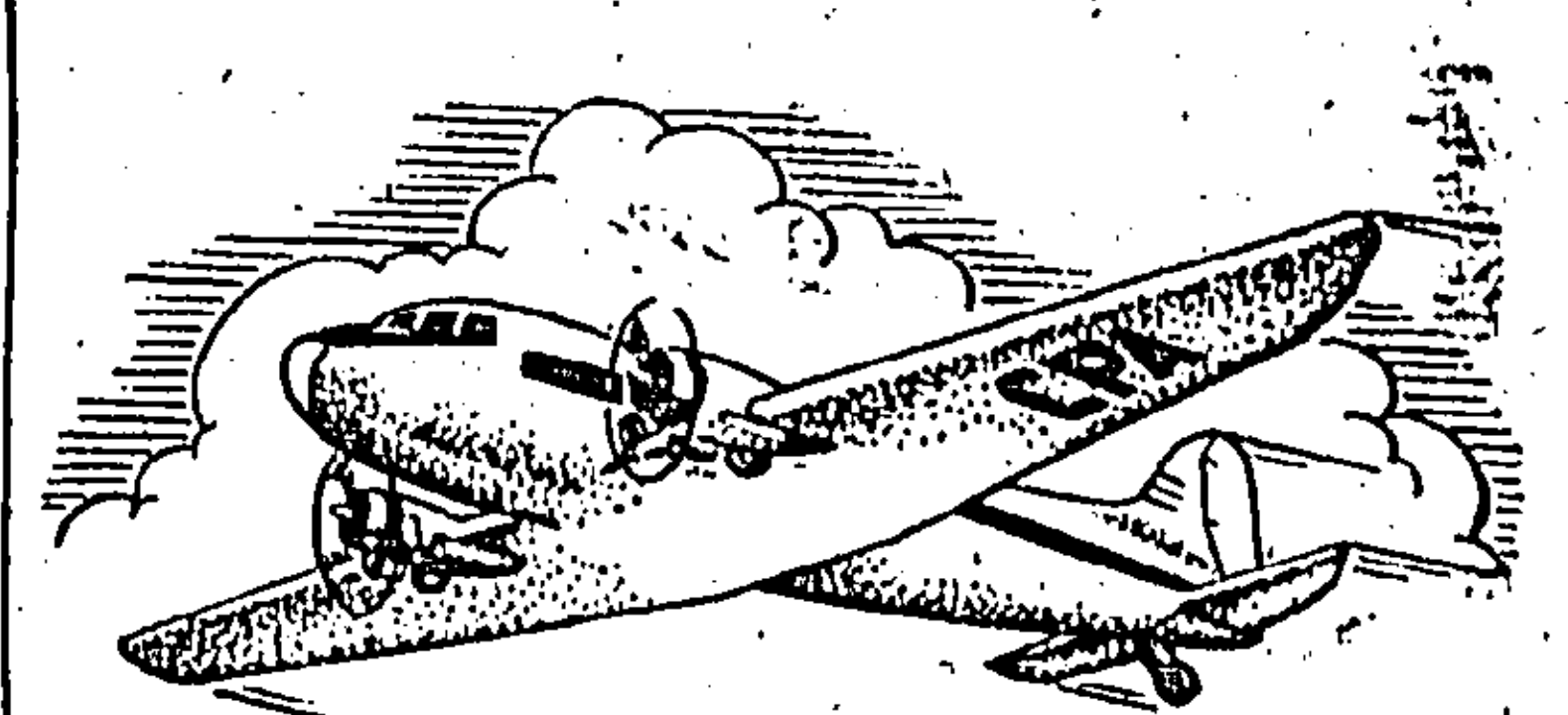
Hamburg, May 17.
One hundred thousand Poles are scheduled to drive their livestock and personal possessions to new homes in Danzig, Allenstein and other former German areas now administered by Poland.

In March, 36,000 and in April, 50,000 Poles and their families were resettled in these regions.—Reuters.

D.P. BURGLARS

London, May 17.
Twelve foreigners, alleged to have committed 31 burglaries netting 13,000 Austrian shillings (*325) have been arrested in a displaced persons camp by the Graz police, the Vienna Radio said today.

This is the fifth gang of thieves to be arrested by the Graz police within a fortnight.—Reuters.



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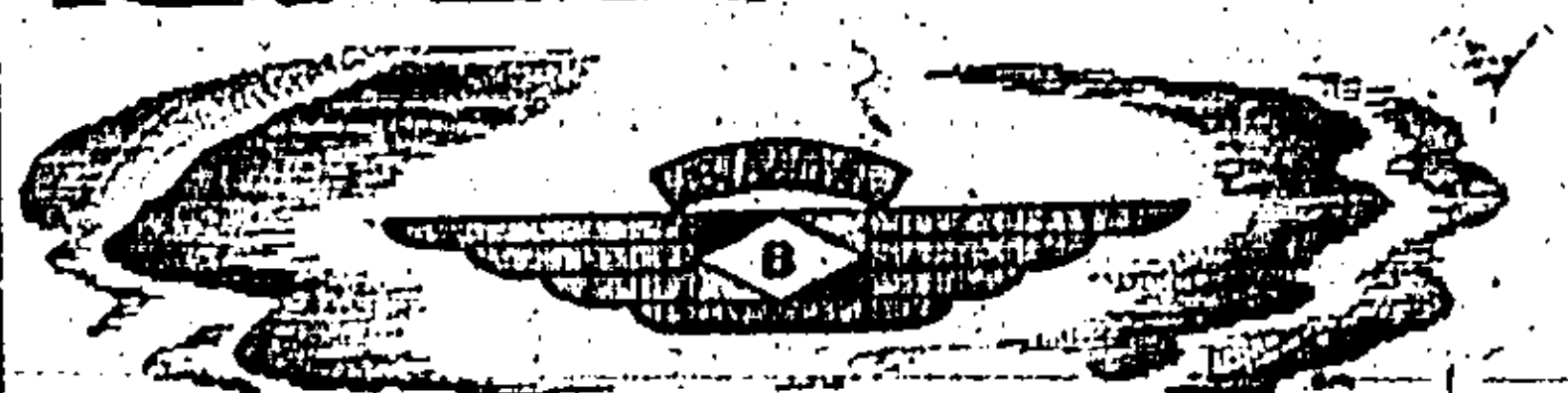
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London, May 17.

With four weeks of the extended football season remaining, some promotion and relegation problems are still not settled, but as a result of today's matches Cardiff are assured of promotion to the Second Division, and Brentford drop into the Second Division.

The First Division championship is still an open affair, but Wolverhampton dropped a point today at home. Only a last minute goal by Galley prevented defeat.

Food Crisis In Germany

Hamburg, May 17.

The Bavarian Government has pushed meat and potatoes to Western Germany to alleviate the food shortage there. Lieutenant General Sir Brian Robertson, British Deputy Military Governor in Germany, disclosed tonight.

"It is of the utmost necessity that in these critical times, all states within the British zone should take equally energetic measures to carry out the procedure of stockpiling and requisitioning and fulfil their duties with regard to the delivery of food, especially meat and sugar, to the other states," General Robertson said.

Dr. Josef Baumgartner, Bavarian Food Minister, will go to the Ruhr tomorrow with the approval of the United States Military Government in Bavaria to spend several days studying the food situation.

Albanian "Betrayers"
The Presidium of the Albanian National Assembly has adopted a resolution excluding eight of its members for betraying the "sacred cause of the Albanian people by carrying out activity against the Albanian People's Republic in conjunction with war criminals and foreign agents," Tirana Radio reported tonight.

The resolution stated that "they have been paid by foreigners and entertained profound hatred against the people's regime, attempting to sabotage the work of the Albanian People's authorities."—Reuter.

BEVINS ON HOLIDAY

Folkestone, May 17.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and Mrs. Bevin arrived here tonight for a holiday. They motored from London and are staying at a hotel on the cliffs overlooking the English Channel.—Reuter.

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Manchester United, the only team among the first four senior division leaders to win today, are now level with the Wanderers, but have only one game left against Wolverhampton's two.

Stoke City and Liverpool, both of whom drew today, are only a point behind the leaders, and both have two games left. After holding second place in the Second Division for more than three months, Burnley have been deposed by Birmingham. With three games in hand over Birmingham, however, Burnley should regain the second position and accompany Manchester City into the First Division.

Only a miracle can save Newport from going down, and they look like being accompanied by their Welsh rivals—Swansea. Cardiff's promotion may help to soften the blow for Welshmen.

Brentford Unlucky
Brentford, in their battle with the championship candidates—Liverpool—played very well and looked in no way reconciled to relegation. They were unfortunate to meet the championship contenders in such a vital match.

Swansea, fighting to escape relegation, showed determination and good method at Burnley, and actually were leading 1-0 at half-time, but the defence cracked in the second half.

In the Third Division (North) Doncaster Rovers retained the lead though they did not participate in today's League fixtures. Rotherham stood second, while Chester occupies third place in spite of losing to lowly Oldham Athletic.—Reuter.

Modern, Compact Army For Turkey

Istanbul, May 18.

The United States programme to help Turkey establish a compact defensive military organization will get under way next week with emphasis on a communications system which would speed up a modern army.

American spokesmen said first consideration would be given to improvement of existing facilities and the building of new harbours, highways and railroads. None of these facilities, they said, is in any condition to satisfy modern military requirements.

As one illustration, cargo ships now must unload by lighter at offshore in Istanbul—Turkey's greatest port.

Official circles emphasize that assistance will be in the direction of developing the Turkish army as a purely defensive machine and not for attack.

Army Reduction
It probably will wind up considerably smaller than its present strength of 700,000 men. Thus the nation's economy will be improved indirectly by the saving of men back into productive pursuits.

Informed quarters said the first requirement of the Turkish army from the standpoint of equipment, centres on trucks, anti-aircraft weapons, anti-tank guns and similar defensive materials.

It seems doubtful if aircraft will get much attention in the programme, since the allotted \$100,000,000 would not go far in that direction.—Associated Press.

Greek Red Sentenced

Athens, May 17.

An Athens court today deprived Nicholas Zachariades, Secretary-General of the Greek Communist Party, of civic rights for three years.

Zachariades' last reported appearance was at the funeral of John Zevgou, former Communist Minister of Agriculture, who was assassinated in Salonika.

He was later reported "missing" though a Communist spokesman said that he was "all right" without disclosing his whereabouts.—Reuter.

STOLEN SHELLS EXPLODE

Rome, May 17.

Nine were killed today when a large number of shells stolen from Allied dumps exploded while being unloaded at Port of Naples, according to the newspaper "Vote Repubblicana".

CLASH IN IDEOLOGIES

Edinburgh, May 17.

Suggestions that the Liberal Conservative unite with the Labour Government against Mr. Winston Churchill in among the Conservatives who have advocated such a union—are described as an invitation to civil warfare in the annual report of the Scottish Liberal Party Executive.

The report says that it would bring about a "clash in political ideologies as in other countries, which is poisoning and ruining the social stature of Europe."—Reuter.

New Bible Translation

Edinburgh, May 16.

A new translation of the Bible in contemporary English, which will avoid all "archaic words" and "fanciful expressions" with the second personal pronoun singular, employed only for prayer, has been proposed by a special committee of the Church of Scotland.

The plan is not confined to the Church of Scotland, as conferences in it have taken place with the Church of England and Congregational churches. It is suggested that the advice of literary men should be sought for translation, that the text be printed in modern form, and that modern punctuation marks including quotation marks, be used.—Reuter.

Franco In Barcelona

Madrid, May 17.

General Franco arrived today in Barcelona, chief city of Catalonia and second city of Spain, from Palma on the island of Mallorca. It is his first visit to Barcelona since 1942.

He was expected to stay some days and to hold a cabinet meeting in the city to give additional importance to his visit. Catalonia was the chief stronghold of the Republicans in the 1936-39 civil war, and Barcelona, with its population of 1,125,000 was the last city to fall to General Franco's forces.—Reuter.

Lightened THEIR LOT?

Tokyo, May 18.

Enforcement of the new constitution certainly provided enlightenment for some Tokyoites, the Metropolitan Government announced ruefully today.

The municipal officials decorated five streetcars which cruised the city on May 3 when the constitution became effective. The decorations included 1200 electric light bulbs.

Officials said today 400 bulbs were stolen.—Associated Press.

EMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA

Canberra, May 17.

No Italians will be allowed to immigrate into Australia until the peace treaty with Italy is signed.

For the time being, Italians are considered by the Australian Government to be enemy citizens.

According to the latest available figures, only about 12,000 Britons of the 150,000 registered for emigration at Australia House, London, will be admitted to Australia this year.—United Press.

BATAVIA TALKS

Batavia, May 17.

Economic discussions between the Dutch and the Indonesians were resumed here today for the first time since the Netherlands Indies Government announced on May 11 that the Indonesian Republic had rejected the Dutch economic proposals.

Those taking part in the discussions, the details of which were not disclosed, included Lieutenant Governor General Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, the Economic Affairs Director, Dr. J. H. Van Hoogstraten, and the Indonesian Minister, Dr. Sultan Baktir.—Reuter.

CHAMPION PEKE

London, May 18.

The \$1,800 Pekinese dog champion, "Yuen Yu Tol," will leave Northolt Airport tomorrow for New York via Trans-World Airlines. He will appear in the New York dog show for his owner, Mrs. H. S. Quigley, who ordered him from the British breeder, Mrs. Sarah A. Higgs.—Reuter.

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Walker Cup US Beat Britain 6 Matches To 2

St. Andrew's, May 17.
The veteran golfer, Francis Ouimet, non-playing captain of this year's United States Walker Cup team, today received the world's most coveted amateur golf trophy for America as his team defeated Britain by six matches to two in the final singles play on the famous old St. Andrew's course.

The United States won by eight matches to four in the first post-war contest between the two countries. The four-somes yesterday were equally divided two and two.

Individual brilliance in the final round of the decisive singles won the match for the United States. After having split the four-somes on Friday, the two teams were still tied for match leads as they finished the first 18 holes this morning of their 36-hole singles.

The Americans swept the British players away in the final rounds when they played superb golf to beat par figures at hole after hole to make the Royal and Ancient Golf Club course—the home of golf—look simple.

Americans Cheered

There was a scene of great enthusiasm for the American victors at the finish of the match—the eleventh in the series which started in 1922 but was halted in the war after Britain had won the Cup in 1935.

As the final game ended between Frank R. Stranahan (Tolado, Ohio) and Charles Stowe (Britain), thousands of spectators, who had remained behind the tea miles of rope lining the fairways, ran out to the first and eighteenth greens to shout their appreciation of the American brand of golf.

They refused to disperse until they saw Roger Weathered, captain of the Royal and Ancient Club, place the great gold cup in the hands of Ouimet. It was the tenth time the Americans had received the trophy in the series.

Next Time

Britons—who had for the most part been optimistic of winning—were naturally disappointed at the outcome of the matches but immediately started to think about the next British Walker Cup team, which will go to America to attempt to recover the Cup.

It is felt that in Joe Carr and Ron White, together with the great Irish golfer Jimmy Bruen, Britain might well have the nucleus of a good team to send to the United States in two years' time.

In the first round today the British golfers more than held their own. Leonard Crawley stood three up on Marvin Harvey Ward (Spokane, Washington) in what was expected to prove the key game. But Ward came back with spectacular golf in the last round to take the match.

Last Win

Joe Carr played confidently and well to gain five holes on Stanley E. ("Ted") Bishop, the American champion, in the first round and was able to finish 5 and 3 at the end of their match despite a great improvement in Bishop's golf during the second round.

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American Baseball

New York, May 18.
In the American League Washington tied the score in the last of the ninth inning on two singles and a safety and then won in the 10th inning from Cleveland 2 to 1 when pinch hitter Sherry Robertson singled in second baseman Gerald Priddy.

The New York Yankees overcame a three-run deficit each game to beat Chicago in a doubleheader, 4 to 3 and 4 to 3 before 55,480 spectators.

The Yankees thereby moved into third place in the league standings. Joe DiMaggio's eighth inning homer decided the opener and first baseman George McQuinn scored the winning run in the ninth after singling safely in the third inning.

Hot Evers' homer with Pat Mullin on base in the ninth inning gave Detroit a 2 to 1 victory over Philadelphia.

Great throws by Centerfielder Dom Dinnaggio choked off two potential St. Louis runs but the Browns won 4 to 2 from Boston.

In the National League four singles in the 11th inning broke a pitching duel between the Giants Dave Koso and Chicago's Rube Dye. Leads to give New York a 3 to 1 victory in 11 innings.

It was the Giants' straight win and moved them past the Cubs into second place. Catcher Phil Masi accounted for two runs with a homer and a triple to lead Boston to a 3 to 2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Four double plays helped Fritz Ostermuller blank Brooklyn 4 to 0. The Pirates' first baseman, Hank Greenberg homered in the first inning with one man on base. Third baseman Frank Gustine singled in the eighth after three walks had loaded the bases.

Pittsburgh second baseman Eddie Basinski handled 14 chances without an error. Homers by Leftfielder Eddie Lukon, Catcher Ray Mueller and Shortstop Eddie Miller accounted for Cincinnati's only runs as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Reds 6 to 3.

Scores:

American
Cleveland.....R. H. E.
Washington.....1 6 0
Winning pitcher, Tom Ferrick.

Chicago (first game).....3 7 1
New York.....4 11 0
Winning pitcher, Frank Shea.

Chicago (second game).....3 6 3
New York.....4 8 0
Winning pitcher, Spud Chandler.

Detroit.....2 7 0
Philadelphia.....1 8 9
Winning pitcher, Newhouse.

St. Louis.....4 11 0
Boston.....2 6 0
Winning pitcher, Ellis Kinder.

National
New York.....3 11 0
Chicago.....1 10 0
Winning pitcher, Koss.

Boston.....3 10 1
St. Louis.....2 6 0
Winning pitcher, Warren Spahn.

Brooklyn.....0 12 0
Pittsburgh.....4 4 0
Winning pitcher, Ostermuller.

Philadelphia.....6 11 0
Cincinnati.....3 13 0
Winning pitcher, Dutch Leonard.

—Associated Press.

The Cardinals Are Depressed

St. Louis, May 18.
The losing streak of the Cardinals through the first month of the National Baseball League season has sent the Redbirds' spirit tumbling.

Joe Roy Stockton, sports editor, said: "It is no longer a strange phenomenon of the situation that makes the National League standings seem topsy-turvy. It is beginning to affect the ball club in other ways. The Cardinals are worried. They are unhappy and suspicious that everybody is about to ask the same question—'What is wrong with the Cardinals?'"

"There's no mystery about it any more. The Cards aren't hitting," Stockton suggested the Redbirds slash at everything they can reach, bad balls or good.

It added: "Many teams are getting more fun out of baseball than the Cardinals, right now and are doing more hitting."

Associated Press. Whitey Martin says maybe Cardinals Manager Eddie Dyer should bench his first team for a couple of days.

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"SPRINGBOKS" DISMISS MCC FOR 230 RUNS

London, May 17.
South Africa's touring cricket team, visiting the cricket headquarters at Lords today, dismissed a strong team representing the MCC for 230 runs, and then lost three wickets for 53 runs before play ended for the day.

Tuckett of South Africa, captured six wickets for 64 runs.

The visitors seemed set for a day's leather-chasing in the warm sunshine when Brooks and Dadds established ascendancy over the attack, but once they were separated at 121 the innings was a steady departure of men for the pavilion and the last eight wickets fell while 39 runs were scored.

This was mainly through the fast medium attack of Tuckett, Brown, with three wickets for 61, also bowled well.

Only Pawson, who scored 34, and Yardley—who has accepted an invitation to captain England in the Test Match against South Africa beginning at Nottingham on June 7—were really happy with the attack, apart from the opening pair.

When South Africa batted for the last 39 minutes of the day, they faced the speed attack of Mallett and Martin, who bowled unchanged, and Mallett claimed all three wickets at a cost of only 21 runs.

England's team to meet South Africa in the first Test will be chosen on June 1.

Scores:

Close of play scores in today's County matches were:
At Bradford—Yorkshire 147; Sussex 164 for 6 (Barlett, who hit three successive sixes off Robinson, 79; Langridge 58).

At the Oval—Surrey 400 for 7 declared (Fletcher 65, Holmes 50 not out in 66 minutes); Somerset 15 for 0.

At Ilford—Northamptonshire 215; Essex 170 for 4 (Gray not out 90).

At Chesterfield—Worcestershire 235; Derbyshire 59 for 0.

At Birmingham—Gloucestershire 366 for 9 (Emmett 102); Hampshire to bat.

At Birmingham—Warwickshire 200; Middlesex 159 for 2 (Brown 50, Edrich not out 76).

At Manchester—Kent 102 and 6 for 1; Lancashire 180.

At Loughborough—Nottinghamshire 99; Leicestershire 277 for 6 (Berry 64, Lester not out 69).

In another match which started today, the Royal Navy declared for 287 for 7 wickets, Cambridge University replying with 196 for 2 wickets, Willatt being 79 not out.—Reuter.

U.S. Labour Bill Risk

Washington, May 18.
Senator Allen J. Ellender (Democrat, Louisiana) has told Republican legislators that they must adopt a "reasonable" attitude on labour or run the risk of passing "no legislation at all."

He spoke at the joint Senate-House conference committee prepared to meet on Monday to iron out differences between the Senate Labour Bill and the House measure, which is considerably stiffer.

Some legislators predict the conference will approve a bill nearer to the milder Senate version.

Sen. Ellender, a member of the conference committee, said he believed President Truman will sign a labour bill like the Senate's. He said the bill could be passed over the presidential veto in the House and Senate.

—United Press.

New York, May 18.
Faultless scored a two-length victory today in the \$25,000 added Withers Mile at Belmont Park. The Frenchman, winner between 1930 and 1935, was ridden by Stacks Lee.

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H.K. Men To Play For China

"We hope to spot more football talent during the National Games which will be held in Shanghai on October 30," said Dr. C. C. Yung, Chairman of the Shanghai Football Committee and Chairman of the Football section for the Olympic games, in an interview with the "China Mail" in Shanghai.

Dr. Yung also said that it was very obvious that the majority of the team would be chosen from Hong Kong and Shanghai to represent China, and that Hong Kong would be the best training ground where the final selection would be made.

It will be suggested that about 30 to 35 candidates be chosen early next year and be centralized in Hong Kong early in March shortly after the Interport.

The players will remain in Hong Kong till late May or early June when the final contingent will be selected. It has also been suggested that the team play matches on route to England but the route which the team will take has not yet been decided.

Dr. C. C. Yung was one of the managers of the China Olympic team which visited Berlin in 1936.

Tennis Programme

The following is today's programme in the Tennis Tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club:

Men's Doubles Championships
M. L. F. Haynes and M. W. Turner v. P. S. M. Dow and E. L. Glennie.
B. T. Jones and W. C. Dr. E. Pearson v. A. G. Meise and T. A. Weller.

Men's Singles Third Round
Captain R. Baxter v. F. A. Weller.

Men's Singles Handicap
B. C. Fay v. H. J. Armstrong.

Mixed Doubles Handicap
Lt. Col. M. L. Reynolds and Mrs. Beasley v. Winner of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. F. Haynes and T. J. Gould and Mrs. Thomson.

No future extensions will be granted to any players as the weather has now broken and the tournament must be completed at the earliest possible date.

Players unable to turn up for matches on any day on which they have been listed to play will be immediately scratched.

Wot, No More Trousers?

Chicago, May 18.
Within 10 years men will be wearing clothes more revealing than a woman's strapless evening gown, an expert on male fashions predicted in Chicago.

"Men have been hiding for too long behind draped suits," Ralph Crier, of the Merchant Tailors' Association, said. "We have been covering everything up—even our legs—while the ladies have been outsmarting us with styles based on what they can do with their charms and sex."

"Now we are making progress—real progress. We've got men in shorts on the golf course and on the beaches. The first thing you know shorts will creep into the time, and then the office."

—Our Own Correspondent.

Willington, N.Z., May 18.
The death was announced today of George William Forbes, Prime Minister of New Zealand between 1930 and 1935. He was 78 years old.

How They Stand

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolves	21	6	10	5	50	54	44
Manchester U.	21	12	6	3	50	52	41
Sheff. Wed.	21	10	10	1	48	51	38
Blackpool	21	17	14	0	50	49	45
Sheff. U.	21	10	7	4	48	51	38
Asen Villa.	21	18	14	5	50	44	41
Derby M.C.	21	17	10	12	72	42	41
Millwall	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Barnsley	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Sheff. F.	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Grimsby	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Accrington	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Portsmouth	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Blackburn	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Bolton W.	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Huddersfield	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Charlton A.	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Brentford	21	17	10	10	72	42	41
Leeds United	21	17	10	10	72	42	41

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester C.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Birmingham	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Burnley	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Newcastle U.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. F.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. U.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. W.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
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Sheff. U.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. W.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38

Third Division South

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cardiff City	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Q.P. Rangers	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. F.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. U.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. W.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. F.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
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Sheff. U.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. W.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. F.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38

Third Division North

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster R.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. F.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
Sheff. U.	21	10	10	11	50	58	38
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European Amateur Boxing

Dublin, May 17.
The finals of the European Amateur Boxing Championships were staged here tonight after a week of eliminating contests. As each winner was declared a laurel wreath was placed in his hand and the National Anthem of his country was played.